

UC Davis/CPPR Report of Child Welfare Budgeting Issues
Appendix A

SUMMARY OF CWLA RECOMMENDED CASELOADS/WORKLOADS RATIO

Name of CWLA Service Volume	CWLA REcommended Caseload/Workload Ratio
SERVICES FOR ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES (including Child Protective Services):	
Initial Assessment/Investigation	12 active cases per month, per 1 social worker
On-going Cases	17 active families per 1 social worker, and no more than 1 new case assigned for every 6 open cases
Combined Assessment/Investigation and On-going Cases	10 active on-going cases and 4 active investigations per 1 social worker
Supervision	1 supervisor per 5 social workers
SERVICES TO STRENGTHEN AND PRESERVE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	
Family-Centered Casework Services	12 families per 1 social worker
Intensive Family-Centered Services	2 to 6 families per 1 social worker
Supervision	1 supervisor per 5 workers or 3 worker teams
ADOPTION	<p>20-25 families per 1 social worker counseling with birth families, preparing and assessing adoptive applicants for infant placement, and supporting these families following placement</p> <p>12-15 families per 1 social worker preparing and assessing adoptive applicants for the placement of children who are older or have special needs, and supporting these families following placement</p>
FAMILY FOSTER CARE	12-15 children per social worker

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<p>RESIDENTIAL GROUP CARE:</p> <p>Residential Care Programs</p> <p>Emergency Shelter Care Programs</p>	<p>8 children and their families per 1 social worker when children are awake; and no more than 12 children when they are asleep 8 children and their families per 1 social worker</p> <p>6 children and their families per youth care worker on any shift 8 children per 1 awake youth care worker (for overnight)</p>														
<p>Residential Treatment Program</p>	<p>A supervisor should be designated for every shift; in larger programs 1 supervisor per 4 youth care workers serving more than 24 children 8 children and their families per 1 social worker 8 students in a residential special education class per 1 teacher and 1 teacher</p>														
<p>INDEPENDENT LIVING</p>	<p>12-15 children per social worker</p>														
<p>PREGNANT ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PARENTS</p>	<p>20-25 cases (the pregnant adolescent, father, or young parents, their children and families) per 1 social worker</p>														
<p>DAY CARE SERVICES:</p> <p>Center-Based Care</p> <p>Family Day Care Home</p>	<table> <tr> <th><u>Age of Child</u></th><th><u>Staff/Child Ratios</u></th></tr> <tr> <td>1 month to 18 months</td><td>1:03</td></tr> <tr> <td>18 months to 30 months</td><td>1:05</td></tr> <tr> <td>2 ½ years to 4 years</td><td>1:07</td></tr> <tr> <td>4 years to 5 years</td><td>1:08</td></tr> <tr> <td>5 years to 6 years</td><td>1:09</td></tr> <tr> <td>6 years to 12 years</td><td>1:10</td></tr> </table> <p>Up to 5 children under 14 years of age, including the children of the day care center provider, per home</p> <p>No more than two children under 2 years of age, including those of the day care provider per home</p>	<u>Age of Child</u>	<u>Staff/Child Ratios</u>	1 month to 18 months	1:03	18 months to 30 months	1:05	2 ½ years to 4 years	1:07	4 years to 5 years	1:08	5 years to 6 years	1:09	6 years to 12 years	1:10
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